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With copies to Charles Drago and Jerry Rose

Allowing time for the mail it has been two weeks since I asked all three of you respond to a few simple questions I delayed asking until your self-styled "research" conference was over. Referring to what you described as a request for a "research paper" on me as a "significant source of disinformation in the JFK assassination" I asked all three of you if this notion was that of any one of you or if it was proposed by another and if so on what factual basis and what qualifications you saw in any other such person. I also asked you if any other such person or persons "had or could have had an ulterior purpose, such as inclusion in or relevance to a book." Later I noted that all of you certainly knew that such a commercial venture had been announced. Without shame as a commemoration of the coming 30th assassination anniversary.

In your failure to respond in any ^{way} all of you reflect a lack of manhood, a lack of principle, a lack of self-respect, a lack of the most elemental concept of real scholarship, and contempt for what common decency requires.

To say nothing about your conspicuous ignorance of the subject matter ^{on} which you lay the fraudulent claim to expertise.

What cowards you all are! Not a word from any of you! For Shame! If you can feel it.

You have, individually and collectively, ~~been~~ ^{ed} pimp for a literary whore.

And I have no less a right to wonder if that is what you did and if that accounts for you un^{any} silence, individually and collectively.

Particularly that although I distance myself to the degree possible from all the utter irrationality and ignorance and prejudice of self-styled experts who are in fact subject-matter ignoramuses, I know of only one nut who has expressed the opinion you state ^{as a fact} in your request for a so-called "research paper" and in addition to his so stating to many over a long period of time his publisher stated it to the trade press.

I regard your failure to respond in any way ^{as a} ~~as a~~ tacit admission of what appears to be obvious and I will feel free to give it that interpretation by any means I choose.

With the contempt you all earned and deserve,

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